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1. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Examiner's comments which have greatly assisted Applicant in responding, especially in Response to Arguments.

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Applicant thanks the Examiner for her courtesy and assistance during an interview which was held on 12 March 2007. During the interview, Applicant discussed the proposed amendments to Claims in view of Claim Objections and in view of Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

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Regarding Claims 1, 8, and 12, the Examiner asserted that such amendment to Claims 1, 8, and 12 looked like they should overcome the Claim Objections. The Examiner pointed out that such amendment to the Claims should also overcome the Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

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Regarding Claim 30, the Examiner pointed out that Claim 30 was rejected inadvertently.

Regarding Claims 5-7, the Examiner asserted that the amendment to the Claims per the Examiner's suggestions should overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

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Applicant has taken every effort to represent the Examiner's statements fairly and accurately. It is the Applicant's understanding that the Examiner will perform additional prior art searching in view of the claimed amendments. Applicant also notes that the amendments made herein do not amount to a concession that the claims as originally submitted were not distinguished from the prior art or that the amendments herein amount to a surrender of any claim scope. Rather the amendments herein are by way of clarification only. By making these amendments, the Applicant does not in any way surrender any claimed scope or equivalence of the claim elements to which the Applicant might otherwise be entitled.

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**2. Claim Objections.**

Claims 1, 8, and 12 stand objected to for certain informalities.

5 Applicant has amended the Claims according to the Examiner's suggestions.

Applicant is of the opinion that the amendment to Claims overcome the Claim Objections. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the Claim Objections.

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**3. 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.**

Claims 1, 8, 12, and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being incomplete for omitting essential elements, such omission amounting to a gap between  
15 the elements.

Regarding Claims 1, 8, and 12, Applicant is of the opinion that in view of the amendment to the Claims discussed hereinabove and in view of the Examiner's interview discussed hereinabove, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph  
20 is deemed overcome. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Regarding Claim 30, by the Examiner's admission during the Examiner's interview, Claim 30 was inadvertently rejected. Claim 30 is deemed to be in condition for  
25 allowance.

Regarding Claims 5-7, Applicant has amended the Claims per the Examiner's suggestions. Applicant respectfully points out that the Examiner didn't explicitly reject the Claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, but made the suggestions to the  
30 Claims under the heading for Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §112. Nevertheless, Applicant is of the opinion that in view of the amendment to the Claims discussed

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hereinabove and in view of the Examiner's interview discussed hereinabove, a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph is deemed moot. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

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4. It should be appreciated that Applicant has elected to amend Claims solely for the purpose of expediting the patent application process in a manner consistent with the PTO's Patent Business Goals, 65 Fed. Reg. 54603 (9/8/00). In making such amendment and cancellations, Applicant has not and does not in any way narrow the scope of protection to which Applicant considers the invention herein to be entitled. Rather, Applicant reserves Applicant's right to pursue such protection at a later point in time and merely seeks to pursue protection for the subject matter presented in this submission.

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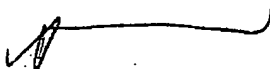
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## CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Applicant considers the present invention to be distinguished from the art of record. Accordingly, Applicant earnestly solicits the Examiner's withdrawal of the objections and rejections raised in the above referenced Office Action, such that a Notice of Allowance is forwarded to Applicant, and the present application is therefore allowed to issue as a United States patent. The Examiner is invited to call to discuss the response.

Respectfully Submitted,



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